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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application
Application No. 10/040,852; Filed: December 28, 2001
For: **Creating Optimized Physical Implementations from High-Level
Descriptions of Electronic Design Using Placement Based Information**

Inventor: Tommy K. Eng
Our Ref: 2210.0020002

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

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Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 31, 2005, Applicant submits the following Amendment. As stated in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the original reply need not be resubmitted in its entirety, but only the corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section need be submitted. Applicants have thus attached hereto a complete listing of all the claims with proper status identifiers. Reconsideration of the Amendment and Reply filed March 18, 2005, supplemented with the following Amendments to the Claims section, is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.